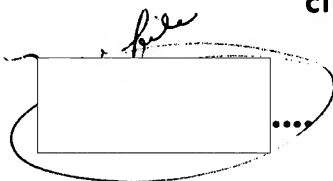


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SUBJECT: Project [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] advised me this morning that the DDS&T had determined that OSA would assume operational responsibility for Project [REDACTED] in Fiscal Year 1970. He is transmitting the same message to ORD.

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2. The decision contemplated that, during FY 1970, the requirements would be for general mission planning and organization. There might be prototype equipment, and there might conceivably be one or two missions with this equipment. Essentially, however, FY 1970 is regarded as the organization year, and we should avoid personnel increases or drastic funding requirements.

3. FY 1971 would be regarded as the first operational year, and possibly the year during which procurement of equipment can be initiated.

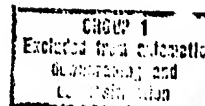
4. ORD will retain the R&D responsibility for the vehicle.

5. We are expected to include tentative estimates in the Program Call which is due in the Office of the DDS&T

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on 5 January 1968. [] is asking ORD to contact me to schedule a series of meetings so that we can begin to develop the requirements. He also asked that [] and [] be allowed to sit in on the initial meetings. We will be in touch with affected OSA components in the immediate future.

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